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SENATE BILL

No. 1288

Introduced by Senator Harman
(Coauthors: Senators Berryhill, Cannella, and Correa)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cook)

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 3033 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to wildlife resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1288, as amended, Harman. Hunting licenses.

~~Existing law generally requires a~~

~~Under existing law, a hunting license for the taking of a bird or mammal grants the privilege to take birds and mammals.~~ Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to issue a *hunting* license, upon payment of a fee, to eligible California residents and nonresidents, as specified. Existing law requires the department to issue a reduced fee *hunting* license, as specified, to a disabled veteran, as defined.

This bill would also require the department to issue a reduced fee *hunting* license to military personnel who are recovering service members, as defined, and who demonstrate eligibility, as prescribed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 3033 of the Fish and Game Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 3033. (a) The department shall, upon application and payment
2 of a fee, issue a reduced fee hunting license, that authorizes the
3 licensee to take any bird or mammal as otherwise authorized
4 pursuant to this code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, to
5 a disabled veteran, as defined in subdivision (b), or to a recovering
6 service member, as defined in subdivision (c), who has not been
7 convicted of any violation of this code. The base license fee for a
8 reduced fee hunting license shall be four dollars (\$4) for the
9 hunting license year beginning on July 1, 1995, and, for the
10 following years, this license fee may be annually reviewed and
11 adjusted in accordance with Section 713.

12 (b) “Disabled veteran” means a person having a 50 percent or
13 greater service-connected disability and an honorable discharge
14 from military service. The person shall be eligible upon
15 presentation of proof of an honorable discharge from military
16 service and proof of the disability. Proof of the disability shall be
17 by certification from the United States Department of Veterans
18 Affairs or by presentation of a license issued pursuant to this
19 section in the preceding license year.

20 (c) “Recovering service member” means a member of the
21 military who meets the definition of “recovering service member”
22 in Section 1602(7) of the *federal* National Defense Administration
23 Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181). A person shall
24 be eligible for a reduced fee hunting license pursuant to this
25 subdivision upon the submission of a letter, online or in hardcopy,
26 to the department from that person’s commanding officer ~~and or~~
27 from a military medical doctor stating that the person is a
28 recovering service member.

29 (d) A person applying for a reduced fee ~~sport-fishing~~ *hunting*
30 license shall submit adequate documentation for the department
31 to determine whether the person is, in fact, eligible for a reduced
32 fee ~~sport-fishing~~ *hunting* license. The department shall not issue
33 a reduced fee ~~sport-fishing~~ *hunting* license to any person unless it
34 is satisfied that the person has provided adequate documentation
35 of eligibility for that license.